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## **8 AREA RESIDENTS INDICTED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that several area residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing firearms.

\* **Daniel Ray Wilks**, 32, of Carthage, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Wilks** was a felon in possession of a loaded Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver, a loaded Lorcin .380-caliber semi-automatic handgun, a Marlin .33-caliber rifle, two Norinco SKS assault rifles, a Colt .45-caliber handgun frame and five boxes of ammunition on July 16, 2004, in Jasper County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Wilks** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael O. Hendrickson. It was investigated by the Jasper County, Mo., Drug Task Force, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **James Clarence Lutz**, 37, of Houston, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Lutz** was a felon in possession of a Savage Arms 12-gauge shotgun on April 19, 2004, in Texas County, Mo. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Lutz** was a felon in possession of a bolt-action rifle in August 2004, in Texas County. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Lutz** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for stealing, a 1999 criminal felony conviction for burglary and a 1991 criminal felony conviction for petty theft with a prior felony.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael O. Hendrickson. It was investigated by the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Doyle Eugene Goforth, Jr.**, 40, of Mountain Grove, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Goforth** was a felon in possession of three rifles and three shotguns on June 30, 2004, in Douglas County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Goforth** has a 1985 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Goforth** possessed a Savage Arms 410-gauge shotgun with a barrel length of less than 18 inches and that it had an overall length of less than 26 inches that was not registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael O. Hendrickson. It was investigated by the Douglas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Dale Carter-Goben**, 35, of Mountain View, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Carter-Goben** was a felon in possession of a Cowboy .22-caliber revolver and a Stallard Arms 9 mm pistol on April 24, 2004, in Howell County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Carter-Goben** has two 1997 criminal felony convictions for trafficking stolen property and possession of dangerous drugs.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Carter-Goben** possessed a Stallard Arms 9 mm pistol that had a serial number that had been removed or obliterated on April 14, 2004, in Howell County.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Howell County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Myron Westley Shackelford**, 55, and **Dennis Leroy Shackelford**, 52, both of Willow Springs, Mo., were charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Myron Shackelford** was a felon in possession of a Colt .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun, a Remington 12-gauge shotgun, a Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun and a Winchester .22-caliber rifle on March 10, 2004, in Texas County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Dennis Shackelford** was a felon in possession of a Marlin .22-caliber rifle on March 10, 2004, in Texas County.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Myron Shackelford** has a 1994 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated and a 1983 criminal felony conviction for conspiracy. **Dennis Shackelford** also has a 1983 criminal felony conviction for conspiracy.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael O. Hendrickson. It was investigated by the Texas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Debra James**, 45, of Ava, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **James** was an illegal drug user in possession of a Hi-Point .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol on Oct. 8, 2003, in Douglas County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any person unlawfully addicted to and a user of an illegal controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm. The indictment alleges that **James** was an illegal addict or user of methamphetamine at the time she possessed the firearm.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Douglas County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Arthur Jones**, 36, of Lockwood, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Jones** was a felon in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber Special revolver on July 2, 2004, in Dade County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

The indictment alleges that **Jones** possessed the firearm while committing a felony related to an assault.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Lockwood, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

\* **Christina Hill-Cox**, 24, of Nevada, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Hill-Cox** was a felon in possession of a Raven Arms

.25-caliber semi-automatic pistol on July 9, 2004, in Vernon County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Hill-Cox** has five 2000 criminal felony convictions for unlawful user of drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property and possession of a controlled substance.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Angela C. Hasty. It was investigated by the Nevada, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal jury, whose duty is to determine guilty or innocence.

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